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**Box Patent Application**  
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Presented for filing is a new patent application claiming priority from a provisional patent application of:

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS  
MANAGEMENT

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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Under 35 USC §119(e)(1), this application claims the benefit of prior U.S. provisional application 60/264,360, filed January 26, 2001 and to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on Jan. 2, 2002, entitled "Method and

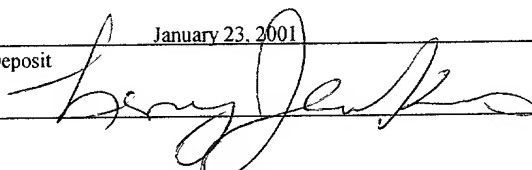
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Apparatus for Network Management with Dependency Information" (Attorney  
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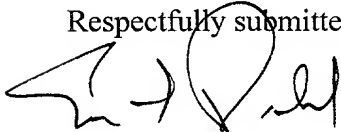
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